

CIA Blog

3. Messrs. White, Houston, Grogan and Paul met with the Director to discuss the next moves on the CIA building. During the meeting the Director talked with Sherman Adams by phone and indicated that he was prepared to move ahead and that there appeared to be no further serious complications. Col. White is to inform the Bureau of the Budget that we intend to go ahead. The Director agreed to call Sen. Russell and ask him to set up a meeting of the Armed Services Subcommittee as soon as possible, to discuss this and other items. Contacts will also be made with members of the Appropriations Committees and with Chairman Vinson and Dewey Short of the House Armed Services Committee.

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3. In a chance meeting with Sen. Stennis, he inquired as to whether we had as yet made a site selection for the new building. I told him that we were still having an engineer make an independent survey of the sites, but that we hoped to make a selection shortly. The Senator remarked that he hoped we would make the selection before the Senate returned as he didn't want to hear any more arguments regarding the property. I asked the Senator whether we could be of any assistance to him prior to his forthcoming trip abroad, and he thanked us and said there was nothing that he wanted.

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2. Col. White, accompanied by [] and me, met today with Cong. Lankford and representatives of Prince George's County to urge the location of the new CIA building on the Good Luck Road site in Greenbelt. When we arrived Cong. Lankford asked us in the presence of Ned Heseltine, of the Washington Post, and Francis Porter, of the Washington News, whether we objected to the presence of the press at this meeting and they remained throughout. (For details of the meeting see memorandum of the DD/S this date).

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4. Col. White held a meeting with Mr. Garrison, Col. Grogan and myself to discuss the public relations aspects of the selection of a site for the new CIA building. A preliminary draft of the report of Clarke & Rapuano, consultant engineers, has been received, containing their firm recommendation of the Langley site. This will be presented to the National Capital Planning Commission at its meeting on 4 November. It was the consensus of Col. White's meeting that Senators Beall and Butler of Maryland should be advised prior to our submitting the report to NCPC that the Agency would not move to Maryland, and that Senators Byrd and Robertson should be advised that we plan to move to Virginia. It was felt that in view of their support each of the four Senators should receive a personal telephone call from the DCI which could, if necessary, be followed by a personal visit from the DD/S. It was also agreed that the DD/S should notify Congressmen Broyhill and Lankford immediately prior to the NCPC meeting of our choice so that they would not hear about it from the newspapers. As it is planned to send the Clarke & Rapuano report and the DCI's letter to NCPC on about 1 or 2 November, the timing of the DCI's call should be handled accordingly. 25 Oct. 55

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